

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Serial No. 10/698,364
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REMARKS

Formal Matters

As an initial matter, the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for foreign priority and has not confirmed receipt of the priority document. As such, Applicant resubmits a copy of the first page of the priority document (with a copy of the application letter and a copy of the date stamped post card indicating receipt of the priority document by the PTO) and respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the reference submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 3, 2003, indicated by the Examiner's initials next to the reference numbers listed on the PTO/SB/08 form. Applicant notes, however, the Examiner has not forwarded to us an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 19, 2004.

As such, Applicant resubmits a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 19, 2004 (with a copy of the PTO/SB/08 form and a copy of the date stamped filing receipt) and requests the Examiner to acknowledge and consider the references cited therein.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, alleging that some of the claims' features are not shown.

In response, Applicant points out to the Examiner that each of the claims' recitations is shown in FIGS. 1-5. For example, the cover wall 19 is a *non-limiting* example of a covering wall, the peripheral wall 20 is a *non-limiting* example of a first side wall, the inner wall 16 is a *non-limiting* example of a straight wall, the inner cover 2 is a *non-limiting* example of a second

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cover member, the peripheral wall 9 is a *non-limiting* example of a second side wall, and the outer cover 3 (4) is a *non-limiting* example of a first cover member.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Claims 1-7 are all of the pending claims. Claims 1 is the only independent claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, and 5 are allowed. In addition, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 2, 4, and 6-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under § 112. Applicant has amended the claims hereinabove.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2, 4, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite.

The Examiner alleges that the recitation “the cover wall” in claim 2 lacks antecedent basis. In response, Applicant has replaced this recitation with --the covering wall--.

The Examiner alleges that the recitation “a notch” in claim 4 is confusing because it is not shown in the drawings. In response, Applicant directs the Examiner’s attention to the *non-limiting* notches 15 shown in Fig. 1.

The Examiner alleges that the recitation “retaining projection” in claim 6 is confusing because it is not shown in the drawings. In response, Applicant directs the Examiner’s attention to the *non-limiting* retaining projections 14 shown in Fig. 1.

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Finally, the Examiner alleges that the recitation "the first cover member is provided at each of opposite sides of the second cover member" of claim 7 is not shown in the drawings.

In response, Applicant points out that *non-limiting* Fig. 1 shows two outer covers 3, 4 provided at opposite sides of the inner cover 2. In addition, Applicant has cancelled claim 7, and added a new independent claim 8 that recites two first-cover members, and new dependent claim 9.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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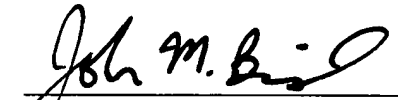
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